

2nd MPUMALANGA ADJUSTMENTS BUDGET



Speech

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ADDRESS BY THE MEC FOR FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM, MR PV MKHATSHWA, MPL, ON THE OCCASION OF TABLING OF THE SECOND ADJUSTMENTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR AT THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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- Honourable Speaker and Deputy Speaker
- Honourable Premier Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane
- Colleagues in the Executive Council and
- Honourable Members of the Provincial Legislature

Let me take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you, Honourable Speaker, for allowing us to table the Second Adjustments Appropriation for the Provincial Government today.

This fiscal policy proposal seeks to respond, in part, to some of the issues raised by the Honourable Members of the Legislature during the debate on the State of The Province Address last week, particularly on the roads infrastructure.

It allows the utilisation of savings from various Provinces and Votes to deal with infrastructure projects pressures within the Province in the current financial year. It proposes the rescheduling of multi-year projects funds to the new financial year and the addition of new funds from the National fiscus.

With the gradual return of industries to full operation following the shock caused by COVID19, we are confident that there will be improvements in the performance of the programmes from April this year.

However, we are appealing to all Departments to use the remainder of the month to consolidate planning and lay a solid foundation for accelerated implementation of government priorities as detailed in the State of the Province Address.

CHANGES TO THE PROVINCIAL FISCUS

The Adjusted Appropriation tabled in November last year will decrease by **R120.404 million**, thereby decreasing the Provincial Budget from **R55.517 billion** to **R55.396 billion** for the year ending 31 March 2022.

Let me briefly highlight changes to the Votes.

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

The budget of the Office of the Premier will be reduced by **R30 million**. **R8 million** of those funds earmarked for the Youth Fund will be rescheduled to the next financial year (2022/23).

Accordingly, the budget will decrease from **R383 million** to **R353 million**.

PROVINCIAL TREASURY

The allocation to Provincial Treasury is reduced by **R44 million**. **5.7 million** of this amount will be directed towards other urgent provincial priorities. A balance of R38,5 million will be rescheduled to the 2022/23 financial year to complete the staff verification and the Infrastructure Delivery Management System (IDMS) project.

The budget of the Vote decreases from **R 481 million** to **R436 million** for the year ending 31 March 2022.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

The funds earmarked the Mpumalanga International Fresh Produce Market, and Nkomazi SEZs will be rescheduled to next financial year, thereby decreasing the budget of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism from **R 1.637 billion** to **R 1.498 billion million**.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT

The Department received additional funding on the Conditional Grant for Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant amounting to **R43 million** for budget pressures in the roads infrastructure.

The budget will therefore increase from **R4.842 billion** to **R4.886 billion**.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY, SECURITY AND LIAISON

The budget of the Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison will be reduced by **R22,6 million**; of this amount, **R4.6 million** will be rescheduled to 2022/23 financial year to procure law enforcement equipment.

Accordingly, the budget will decrease from **R1.524 billion** to **R1.501 billion**.

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, SPORT AND RECREATION

The Department receives **R72 million** towards completed work on the multi-year High Altitude Centre infrastructure project, thus increasing the budget from **R557 million** to **R629 million**.

The total allocations to the following Votes remain unchanged:

- Provincial Legislature
- Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
- Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environmental Affairs
- Department of Education
- Department of Health
- Department of Social Development, and
- Department of Human Settlement

We appeal to all departments to ensure that funds are used for their appropriated purpose and that every cent is accounted for at the end of the financial year.

I have the honour of tabling the following budget documents for consideration:

- *Second Provincial Adjustments Budget Speech for 2021/22;*
- *Adjustments Appropriation Bill for 2021/22,*
- *Second Adjustments Estimates of the Provincial Revenue and Expenditure for 2021/22.*

I thank you.



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